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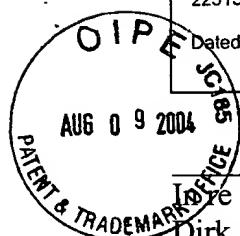
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## AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

### INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated April 9, 2004, (Paper No. Mail Date 20040331), for which a response was due on July 9, 2004. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a 1 month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to August 9, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.